

REMARKS**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-57 are pending.

By this Amendment, claims 1-57 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 58-73 have been added. The newly added claims are supported by at least pages 32-34 of the specification. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 54-73 would be pending. No new matter has been introduced by this Amendment.

II. Rejections under §112, ¶2

Claims 43, 48 and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

These claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection moot.

III. Rejections under §102 And §103

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 9-11, 13, 14, 16-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grayson, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,963,217, hereafter Grayson) in view of Taylor (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,935, hereafter Taylor). Claims 4, 5, 8, 12 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grayson in view of Taylor and in further view of Hikawa (U.S. Patent No. 6,424,944, hereafter Hikawa). Claims 21, 22, 26, 27, 31, 32, 36, 37, 41, 42 and 54-57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grayson in view of Ando, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,549,887, hereafter Ando). Claims 23-25, 28-30, 33-35 and 38-40 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grayson

in view of Ando and in further view of Chang, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,584,479, hereafter Chang). Claims 43-53 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Grayson in view of Hikawa, Zhou, et al. (European Patent Publication No. 1083536, hereafter Zhou) and alleged prior art admitted by the Applicant..

Claims 1-53 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection moot.

New independent claim 58 is directed to an arrangement “wherein the displaying means, if there is the need for hiding of the text string, displays the speaker image by placing it over the text string to hide the text string from users’ view.” The cited references do not appear to disclose or suggest at least the above-noted feature and the claimed combination thereof. Accordingly, claim 58 and its dependent claims are distinguishable over the cited references. For similar reasons, independent claims 65 and 72 and their dependent claims are also distinguishable over the cited references.

New independent claim 64 is directed to an arrangement “wherein said displaying means, if the speaker image and the text string are overlapped due to a restriction of a display area of the display device, downsizes the speaker image to display it so as not to overlap the text string.” The cited references do not appear to disclose or suggest at least the above-noted feature and the claimed combination thereof. Accordingly, claim 64 is distinguishable over the cited references. For similar reasons, independent claims 71 and 73 are also distinguishable over the cited references.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim rejections and allowance of the application.

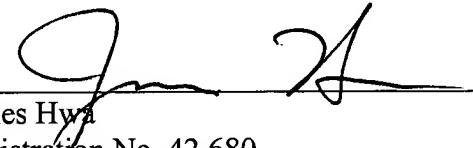
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4776.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4776.

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